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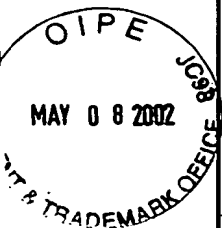


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Applicant(s): Pai-Hung Pan, et al.

Invention: PASSIVATION OF SIDEWALLS OF A WORD LINE STACK

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2002 (Paper No. 11), please
amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 25 as follows:

25. An integrated circuit comprising:
- a semiconductor substrate;
 - a gate dielectric film disposed on a surface of the substrate;
 - a gate electrode stack disposed on the gate dielectric film, wherein the stack includes

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